



PARKER SALUTE TO

Roll of Honor

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JESSE ALVERSON
EMILE AMANN
RICHARD ANDREWS
JOSEPH ANNELLI
JAMES LEE ARCHIE
ALFRED ARMACH
RAYMOND ARTKOP
RICHARD ATKINS
WALTER BADOREK
ARTHUR BARNIKOW
WALTER BEYER
EDWIN BOGACZ
WALTER BOGUCKI
ADAM BONIEWSKI
ALAN BOWEN
LEO BRAY
HERBERT BRECKLIN
FRANK BRYE
WILLIAM BUCKALEW
PETER BUGAI
WALTER BUKSA
JOSEPH BURKE
ALBERT CALVI
ANTHONY CAPPELLA
WALTER CHAMPAGNE
STEFAN CHOROMANSKI
C. G. CHRISTAKOS
GEORGE CHRISTODOLUS
SEBASTIAN CICCARELLO
GEORGE H. CLOSE ★
VINCENT CONSTANTINO
COSIMO CONTE
NICHOLAS CORRADINO
HAROLD R. CORVES
JAMES CROSS
ALFRED DANOROVICH
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HERMAN P. DE WETTER
JOHN P. DICKINSON
ADELARDE J. DIONNE
HENRY DOBRINSKI
FRANK DOMBROWSKI
FREDERICK DOSSIN
MICHAEL DRAGONE
THEODORE DUDEK
BRONISLAW DZIURGOT
WILLIAM EDGAR
FRANCIS FANNING

PAUL E. FENELON
GEORGE FLIS
DONALD FOWLER
JOHN A. FRIES
MICHAEL GALLO
GEORGE GOLLNICK
ANTHONY GREELEY
MATTHEW GRONDZIK
ERNEST GUERTIN
ROBERT HALL
WALTER HATCH
ANDREW C. HARDUBY
DOUGLAS JACOBSON
CHARLES JENKS
ERNEST J. JOHNSON
NORMAN JOHNSON
MICHAEL JULIANO
EDWARD KAPUSCINSKI
THEODORE KATUZYNY
JOSEPH KORDYS
EDWARD KOKOSZKA
HENRY KOKOSZKA
JULIUS KOKOSZKA
WALTER KOKOSZKA
JOSEPH KOTRYS
ROBERT KRUPA
HARRY W. KUGGE
WALTER KUSEK
WILLIAM LAHEY
GABRIEL LA BLANC
ROBERT LAUDE
DANIEL LEE
WALTER LEISHMAN
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HENRY LONIEWSKI
JOHN LUFT
JOSEPH MACCHIETTI
THOMAS A. MALTESE
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JOHN NESSING
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CHARLES PASIEKA
OSCAR PIETTE
JOSEPH PINNIAZAK
PATRICK POLACK
EARL PRESCHER
ERNEST QUIRK
JOSEPH RAY
ALFRED RETELLACK
JULIEN RICE
RAYMOND RIISKA
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EDMOND RUSSELL, JR.
JOHN RYCHLEC
EDWARD SALESKI
ALBERT SCHAEFER
JOHN SCHULZ, JR.
CHARLES SCOLLAN, JR.
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CHARLES SNEDECKER
CARL SPEARS
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RAYMOND SWIATEK
ARTHUR TAYLOR
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WILLIAM UPshaw
LOUIS VECCHITTO
PETER WASILESKI
THOMAS WEAVER
FRANK WIELAND
JOHN WILCZEWSKI
G. W. WILLIAMS
JAMES WILSON
RAYMOND WITHAM
ROMAN WOJTUNIK
STANISLAW WOJTUNIK
EDWARD WORONICK
VINCENT WORONICK
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ALPHONSE ZIEMBA
WALTER ZINK
BENJAMIN ZLOTOWSKI

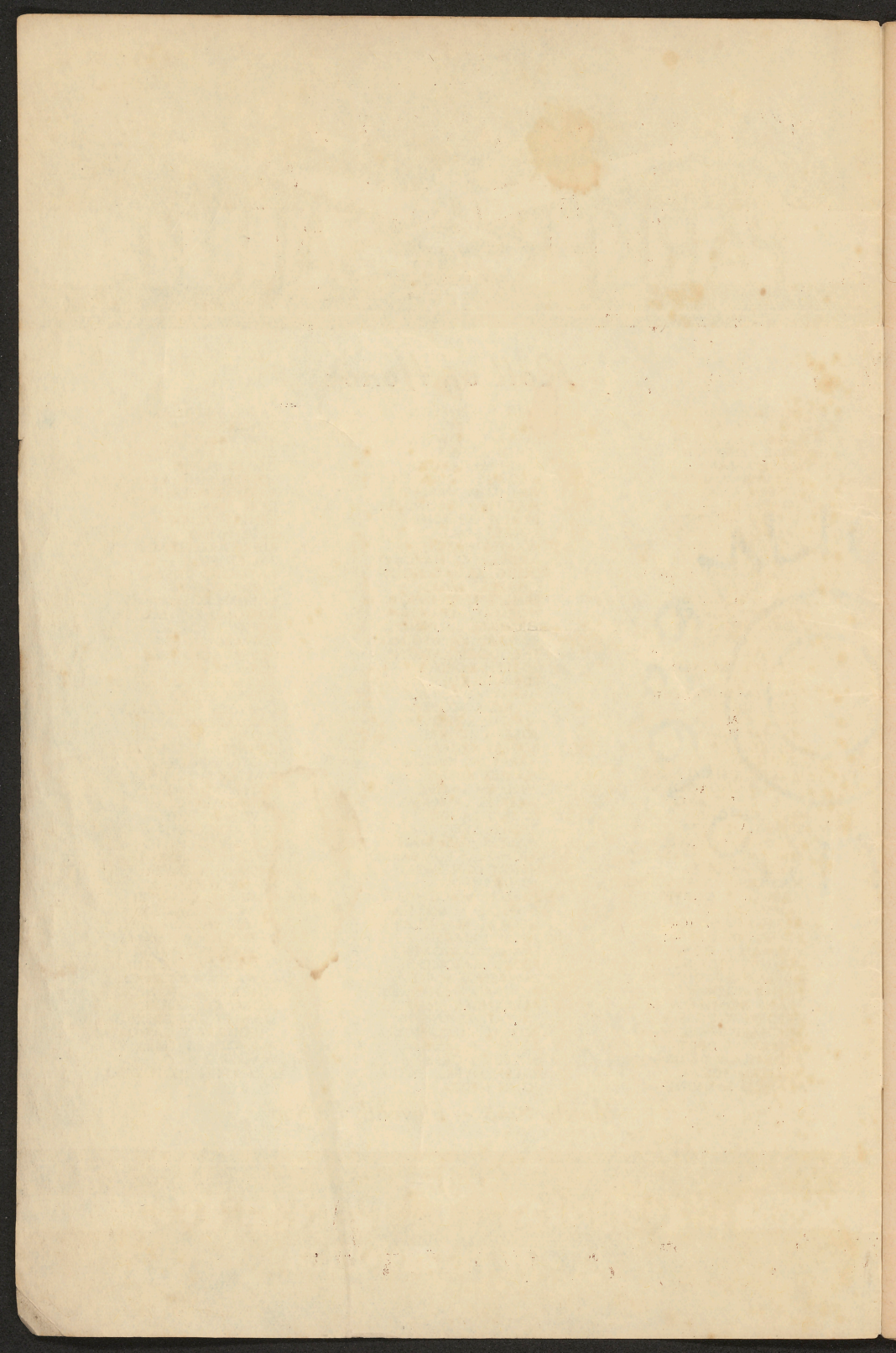
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Lt. Col. Parker B. Allen

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Parker Announcements

PARKER ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the eleventh time that the Parker Salute has gone to press. It took its first bow in September, 1942 with Roll of Honor of 43 names with a gradual increase of inductions, reaching a roll call of 150 in September, 1944. During December there were no additions but you will notice that during this last period two men, who very recently joined the Parker personnel, have been inducted, bringing the Roll of Honor to 152 and two men are on call. In addition to letters of which excerpts are printed, many letters of acknowledgment have been received.

With this edition of the Parker Salute a money order for \$1.00 is being sent to each man in Service.

The production situation is still practically as last reported. The Fourth Floor is being rearranged for more efficient handling of Government Contracts.

The Tool Makers Department located on "The Hill" have recently moved to their new quarters in the Tool Department of the Hanover Street Plant, which brings all departments except the High Street Foundry to the Hanover Street Plant.

We had hoped to have pictures of Foundry reconstruction for this issue but on account of delays we must wait for a future edition of the Salute, when we hope also to have a group picture of the Foundry Personnel.

Fifteen Jamaicans, part of a boat load of 875 men from the West Indies, have arrived to relieve the manpower situation in the foundries.

SUGGESTION CONTEST

In the September, 1944 edition of the Parker Salute Mr. Charles Parker, President, asked our service men for their ideas of what the facilities of The Charles Parker Company could provide to fill the needs of the areas where they are located, announcing three prizes for the best suggestions.

The first prize was awarded to Daniel Lee of the Purchasing Department and is concerned with sales possibilities in Australia and New Zealand. Dan submitted a comprehensive report of Sales Prospects in those countries. His prospectus is now in the hands of our foreign sales representative, Mr. John Rios.

The second prize is awarded to Francis Fanning who says "All the railroads that I've traveled could stand considerable alterations of fixtures such as those put out in your plant."

The third prize goes to Walter Badorek and these are his comments - "Why, I'll say a good reliable Parker Vise and about everything else the Charles Parker Company manufactures. I've been in six different countries the past two years and haven't seen any modern or up-to-date equipment for civilian or commercial use."

PARKER EMPLOYEES NAME C.I.O. AGENT

A large majority of the employees of the Charles Parker Company, voting in a National Labor Relations Board election recently, endorsed the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union, C.I.O., as their bargaining agent.

The following note of appreciation was received: "We wish to express our thanks to Management for their consideration and cooperation shown us during our Union election."

Executive Board
Local 230

U.E. C.I.O.

Henry Dreier, Plater with the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Company since 1889, subsequently The Charles Parker Company, died on December 26, 1944, being survived by his wife and a daughter. Jacob Kopala, Elm Street Foundry, died on January 25, 1945. He has served this Company since 1926. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Helen Bugai and Mrs. Antoinette Gryga, and one son, John Kopala.

Michael Dragone, Sr., also long employed by the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Company, died February 11, 1945. He is survived by three sons and two daughters. He was the father of Michael Dragone, Jr. of the Grille and Rail Department, now in Service.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT IN CONNECTICUT

Mr. Charles S. Parker was elected to membership on the State Board of Directors of Junior Achievement of Connecticut.

This group is an educational organization, giving free business training and education to boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 21 years. It has a unique program, which provides "learning through experience". The Junior Achievement program calls for the formation of Junior Businesses, where boys and girls of 16 years to 21 years have an opportunity to run their junior business in every detail to help prepare them for their future years, when they will go out into the world to earn their own livelihood. The program is new in Connecticut, although it has been in operation in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and many other states for several years.

Joseph Annell
APD 24, Postmaster, San Francisco.
First. William Buckalew, 12086088 - Co. E, 3rd
First. APO SALUTE STAFF LOSES PIONEER
Corp. Douglas Jacobson, 31040439 - Service Co.
Eleanor Leishman, who mimeographed the first edition of the Salute and has carried much of the burden of its publication ever since, is leaving the Parker Co. to join her family in Philadelphia and will be missed by her many friends, particularly those of the Salute Staff.

We all wish her the best.

Sebastian Ciccarello
108th Bn., 2d Platoon, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.
Ensign C. G. Christakos, Maine Maritime Academy.
M. S. T. Postmaster, New York City.
Private. Charles Jenkins, 32012714 - Sec. K-3, Class
45-3, Flight 1, Night 1, Fort Belvoir, Texas.
Postmaster: "I'm sorry but I can't cash this money order for you unless you have some identification. Have you some friend in camp?"

Private: "Not me. I'm the bugler."

Men in the Service

George Christodolus of the Core Room, and Alfred Armach of the High Street Foundry have been called for Service, and Robert Rogers and Wilfred Bowen are awaiting call.

Men in Service - March, 1945 130

Names on Roll of Honor - March, 1945 152

As there have been no other inductions since the September issue of the Parker Salute, this list includes only those still in Service, with latest addresses where we have been able to ascertain them and names only where no address has been procurable.

The Roll of Honor on the cover includes the names of men who have returned to civilian life.

Screw

Corp. Joseph Anelli, 20129768 - Co. A, 19th Inf., APO 24, Postmaster, San Francisco.

Prvt. William Buckalew, 12096089 - Co. E, 3rd Plat., APO 15730, Postmaster, New York City.

Corp. Douglas Jacobson, 31040439 - Service Co., 81st Tank Bn., APO 255, Postmaster, New York City.

Vise

St. Sgt. Leo Bray, 20302317 - 328th F.G.T.G., Kingman Army Air Field, Kingman, Arizona.

Corp. Walter Champagne, 31141185 - Sta. 19, I.C.W.A.T.C., APO 465, Postmaster, New York City.

Prvt. Sebastian Ciccarello, 31410775 - Co. B, 106th Bn., 2d Plat., A.S.F.T.C., Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Ensign C. G. Christakos, Maine Maritime Academy, M.S.T.S., Am. Pilot, Postmaster, New York City.

Prvt. Cosimo Conte - Co. A, 5th Bn., A.S.F.T.C., Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Prvt. Charles Jenks, 32612714 - Sec. K-3, Class 45-3, Flight 14, Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas.

Prvt. Robert Krupa, 11071843 - 1521st A.A.F.B.U.,
PD, ATC, APO 953, Postmaster, New York City

William Lahey, F-1/c - U.S.S. ABBOTT (DD. 629),
c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Gabriel LeBlanc, 11084861 - 1383 Base
Unit, N.A.D., A.T.C., Airdrome Branch, APO 677,
Postmaster, Presque Isle, Maine.

Walter H. Leishman, S-1/c - Armed Guard, S.S.
Joseph Rodman Drake, c/o Fleet Post Office,
New York City.

Corp. Lawrence Mayes, 31190328 - Hq. Btry. 505th
AAA Gun Bn., APO 958, Postmaster, San Francisco.

Sgt. Ralph Myers, 31169449 - Co. A, 336th Engrs.,
Communications Zone, E.T.O., Combat Bn.,
APO 56s, Postmaster, New York City.

P.F.C. Vito Paluconis, 31342957 - Hq. Btry. 5th
Div. Arty, APO 5, Postmaster, New York City.

P.F.C. Arthur Taylor, 31250064 - Co. H, 349th
Inf., APO 88, Postmaster, New York City.

Lt. Edwin A. Toth, 0860544 - 68th Tech. School
Sqdn., 443d T.C., APO 713, Unit 1, c/o Post-
master, San Francisco.

T/5 Peter Wasileski, 32192420 - 883 Ord. H.A.M.
Co., APO 813, Postmaster, New York City.

P.F.C. Frank Wieland, 31345468 - Co. C, 67th Sig.
Bn., APO 17349, Postmaster, New York City.

Sgt. John Wilczewski, 31169370 - Co. A, 336th
Engrs. Comb. Bn., E.T.O., Communications Zone,
APO 562, Postmaster, New York City.

G. W. Williams, EM-3/c, 162 Sub Div., c/o Fleet
Post Office, San Francisco.

Brass

P.F.C. Richard Atkins, 31266528 - Co. A, 326
Glider Inf., 13 A.B. Div., APO 333,
Camp MacKall, N.C.

P.F.C. Walter Beyer, U.S.M.C. - 4th S.S. Bat.,
Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco.

P.F.C. Herbert Brecklin, 31103583 - Co. C, 306th
Inf., APO 77, Postmaster, San Francisco.

Corp. John P. Dickinson, 31190359 - S V Bty.,
546th F. A. Bn., Camp Shelby, Miss.

Paul Fenelon, U.S.N.R. - U.S.A.T. "Notos",
Pier 21, Staten Island, New York.

P.F.C. Michael Gallo - 2540 A.A.F., Base Unit,
Sec. A, Matagorda Island, Foster Field, Texas.

Prvt. Joseph Kotrys, 31250243 - 226th Gen. Hosp.,
Fort Lewis, Washington.

Floyd Matcheski, S-2/c - C.B.M.V.-618, Pl. #5,
Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

Prvt. Joseph Pinniazak, 31121955 - Btry. A, 87th
(AAA) Gun Bn., APO 512 Postmaster, New York City.

Theodore Rogoz, A.M.M.-3/c - VF5, Box 9, N.A.S.,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Milton Rosenberg, SK-2/c, Fern College,
Cleveland, Ohio.

John Schulz, Jr., S-1/c - A.T.B., Navy 905,
Dept. 5, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

Sgt. Henry Zagorski, 31274999, Med. Sect. B,
Chatham Field, Ga.

Prvt. Benjamin Zlotowski, 31410124 - 388th Repl.
Co., APO 398 (R), Postmaster, New York City.

High Street Foundry

Alfred Armack

Edwin J. Bogacz, 31413019 - Tr. B, A.B.F., Repl.
Dept. #1, Ft. Geo. G. Meade, Md.

P.F.C. Andrew C. Harduby, 31066875 - Btry. D,
2d Bat. CA (HD), Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Prvt. Julian Kokoszka, 31412076 - Co. B, 243 Bn.,
66 Reg., Camp Blanding, Fla.

Corp. J. M. Ray, 31280273, 980 Q.M. Serv. Co.,
APO 350, Postmaster, New York City.

Corp. Carl Spears, 31328025 - 3384 Q. M. Trk. Co.,
APO 350, Postmaster, New York City.

Sgt. Walter Suschinsky, 20130256 - Co. D, 169th
Inf., APO 43, San Francisco.

Stanley Zagorski, 31454801, V.E.T. of PTS.,
Hosp. Plant 4199, APO 514, Postmaster,
New York City.

Theodore S. Zagorski, Y-1/c - U.S.S. Beagle,
Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

Hanover Street Iron Foundry

P.F.C. Jesse Alverson, 32621504 - Hqs. Btry.,
578 F. A. Bn., APO 339, Postmaster, New York City.

Sgt. Peter Bugai, 31047122 - Bty. D, 211 C A Bt.
A.A., APO 929, Postmaster, San Francisco.

Sgt. Albert Calvi, 31049508 - Co. C, 609th T.D.
Bn., Camp Shelby, Miss.

Prvt. Anthony Cappella, 31334995 - Btry. C, 33rd
F. A. Bn., APO 1, Postmaster, New York City.

P.F.C. Stefan Choromanski, 31195929, Det. Vet.
Adm. Fac., Mendota, Wis.

George Christodolus

Nicholas Corradino, AMM-1/c.

Adelarde J. Dionne, U.S. Receiving Sta., Navy
Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.

Robert Hall, St.M.-2/c, Co. X-2B, U.S. Navy
Receiving Sta., San Diego 36, Calif.

Prvt. Ernest Johnson, 33901636 - Sec. F, 1077th
A.A.F.B.U., Bowman Field, Louisville, Ky.

Walter Kokoszka, S-1/c, U.S.C.G./N., Bks. #1,
Mare Island, Calif.

Thomas A. Maltese, F-3/c, M. Div., U.S.N.(R),
U.S.S. San Diego, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

Prvt. Richard McDonald.

Prvt. Alexander McNally, 31454849 - Co. D, 7th
Bn., I.R.T.C., Fort McClellan, Ala.

P.F.C. James Needham, 32498325 - Co. L, 155th
Inf., 31st Div., APO 31, Postmaster,
San Francisco.

Sgt. Charles J. Pasieka - Btry. Co. 11th Coast
Artillery, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Corp. Patrick Polack, U.S.A.J., M.P. #63,
Fort McKinley, Maine.

Cadet Aviator Julian Rice, O-746940,

E. M. Russell, Ph.M.-3/c, U.S.N.R., B., 0614,
6 Bn., Shoemaker, Calif.

Corp. Charles Scollan, Jr., 31101920 - 497 SS.
44th S. Gr., APO 487, Postmaster, New York City.

Prvt. Teofil Specyalski, 31043426 - AW Bn.,
Btry. A, 211 AAA, APO 324, Postmaster,
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Kenneth J. Spellacy, SK-3/c - Box 2000, NAAS,
Harvey Point, Hertford, N.C.

William Upshaw - Navy

Prvt. James Wilson -

Brass Foundry

Corp. T. Walter Badorek, 31020560 - Co. C, 15th
Eng., 9th Div., APO 9, Postmaster, New York City.

Prvt. Adam Boniewski.

Joseph Burke, Merchant Marine.

Prvt. Joseph Deloy, 987818 - Plt. 491, 3d REJC
Bn., Parris Island, S.C.

Prvt. Frank Dombrowski, 31280832

T/s Michael Juliano, 31195522 - 351 M.P.E.G.,
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Prvt. Nicholas Lombardo, 31048776 - Co. F, 28th
Inf., APO 8, Postmaster, New York City.

Raymond Riiska, MM-3/c - 128th Batt., N.C.B.,
Co. B - Plat. 9 (Pontoon), Fleet Post Office,
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Camp Robinson, Ark.

Prvt. Steven F. Sendobry, 31338499 - Cas. Co. 75,
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Edward Woronick, S-1/c - SS C. W. Pasley, Armed
Guard, c/o Fleet Post Office, New Orleans, La.

P.F.C. Vincent Woronick, 31350071 - Co. B, 19th
Tank Bn., APO 259, Postmaster, New York City.

Machine and Finishing

Walter Buksa - U.S.S. Clinton, APA 144, Fleet
Post Office, San Francisco.

Prvt. Alfred Danorovich, 471 Bomb Squadron,
Greenville Army Air Base, Greenville, S.C.

Prvt. Henry Dobrinski, 31277208 - Area 4, 1330th
A.A.F., BU, A.T.C., APO 466, Postmaster,
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Prvt. Bronislaus Dziurgot - 1117th Military Police
Co. (AVN), APO 218, Postmaster, New York City.

William Edgar, M.M. - S.S. Pan Gulf, c/o Post Office, New York City.

Prvt. John A. Fries, 31407596 - E.C. #11, Co. B, Student Reg., T.D.S., Camp Hood, Texas.

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P.F.C. Roman Wojtunik, 31323946 - Btry. A, 733rd F. A. Bn., APO 403, Postmaster, New York City.

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Grille and Rail

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Michael Dragone, AMM-2/c - Hanger 87, Engine Shop, M.A.T.F.C., Moimon, Oklahoma.

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Corp. Emile Amann, 31063994 - Hq. Co., CCB, 4th A.D., APO 254, Postmaster, New York City.

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Office

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Donald Fowler, SN-3/c - U.S.S.L.S.M. 426, Fleet Post Office, New York.

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Service

Lt. W. J. Aldrich, 0833439 - Sqd. S-3, Crew 501, M.A.A.S., Muroc, California.

P.F.C. Alan E. Bowen, 845616 - U.S.M.C., Platoon 19, Co. B, 61st Repl. Bn., Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

Corp. Vincent Constantino, 31124903 - Co. A, 33rd Med. Amb. Sq., APO 505, Postmaster, New York City.

Prvt. George Flis, 31468908 - Co. C, 47th Al Bat.,
APO 255, Postmaster, New York City.

Corp. George Gollnick - 27th P.R.O.V. Btn., S-L
Cadre Bat., 3 A.A.T.C., Camp Edwards, Mass.

Walter Hatch, 31380820 - 82 Class 45 B, Good
Fellow Field, San Angelo, Texas.

P.F.C. Norman G. Johnson, 31382031 - 327th Avia-
tion Sq., Army Air Force, P.S. Advance Two. Eng.
Altus Army Air Force, Altus, Oklahoma.

P.F.C. Robert Laude, 31328040 - 3029th Co., 125
Ord. B.A.M. Bn., APO 782, Postmaster,
New York City.

Robert Milosnicki - A.S. Co. 550-G-3, U.S.N.T.S.,
Sampson, New York.

Lieut. Joseph F. Misuk (MC), U.S.N.R. - USNABPD,
Ship's Co., Div. 8, San Bruno, Cal.

Corp. Ernest E. Quirk, 31052454 - Hqt. Plot. 594
Sig. A.W. Bn., APO 650, Postmaster, New York City.

Ensign Walter Zink - 220 Scotland St., Dunedin,
Florida.

Shipping

Prvt. Harold R. Corves, 31037495 - Hdq. Com.
E.T.O., U.S.A., APO 887, Postmaster,
New York City.

Wood

P.F.C. Salvatore Mesite, 31052464 - Hq. 3rd Bn.,
63rd Inf., APO 6, Postmaster, San Francisco.

Corp. Oscar Piete, 31462972 - Co. A, 26th I.T.B.,
Bldg. 467, Camp Croft, S.C.

Co-ed: "I blush so easily. When ever I sit down
and think, I blush. What can I do about it?"
Psychologist: "Try to think about something else."

Husband (arriving home late): "Can you guess
where I've been?"

Wife: "I can, but go on with your story."

An American soldier in England was giving some illustrations of the size of his country. "You can board a train in the state of Texas at dawn," he said impressively, "And twenty-four hours later you'll still be in Texas."

"Yes," said one of his English listeners, with feeling. "We've got trains like that here, too."

After a thorough examination, the Navy doctor eyed the tall and very thin recruit in silence. "Well, doctor," asked the boot at last, "How do I stand?"

"Lord knows," replied the doctor. "It's a miracle."



BY
TEXAS
FRANK

"DON'T YOU WANT TO HOLD HANDS
OR SOMETHING?"

The Mail Bag

We have received Greetings and Notes of
Thanks from:

Floyd Matcheski
Michael Dragone
Edwin Bogacz
Milton Rosenberg
Stanislaw Wojtunik
William Aldrich
J. F. Misuk
Stanley Zagorski
Andrew Harduby
Peter Wasileski
Matthew J. Grondzik

Walter Leishman
Henry Dobrinski
Cosimo Conte
Robert Laude
Stefan Choromanski
C. Christodolous
Donald J. Fowler
Carl Spears
D. G. Lee
Joseph Ray

Corp. Emile Amann

Dear Rose:

For the five months I have been here I managed to be able to learn to talk French quite fluently. So good that I am surprised at myself. Being able to talk the tongue of these people has helped me to get food, shelter and the conveniences of home besides having a great deal of fun. I've been doing most of the cooking for the ten men of our section. I can put out a meal for ten men of our section in one and a half hours. Yesterday I had a treat. I took the first bath in over a year. Being a soldier we are forced many times to heat a helmet full of water to bathe ourselves with the use of a facecloth and soap.

Emile

P.F.C. Walter E. Beyer

Dear Folks:

You probably have been wondering what I have been doing these past two years. To start with, I'm a little narrow in the waist - all for the good. Spent six months in New River, three months in San Francisco and the rest out here in the islands. Have had quite a few boat trips. Some were good and others, well, some day I'll tell you about them. You would never believe there were so many small islands out here. Just hundreds of them. Of course, they're not all in-

habited. Have yet to see one like we see in the movies back home. I'll still take our good old U.S.A. What I wouldn't do for a little snow! I can't wait to get back home and have things normal once more.

Prvt. Harold R. Corves,

Dear Mr. Parker:

The last time I wrote I was in London and now I am in Paris. Paris is a very nice place with its styles and its people and also the number of stores around. The story about my father in the Salute I have heard many, many times. Some of the scenes I see over here would make you wonder a few things. Give my regards to all the fellows.

Harold

Corp. James H. Cross,

Dear Mr. Parker:

I'm well and now somewhere in England. The people here seem to be very friendly. I hope this war will be over soon so that we all can get back. Regards to all.

James H. Cross

Capt. Herman P. deWetter,

Dear Mr. Parker:

Things in this part of the fighting front are keeping us all working full time and I believe that we are succeeding in showing Runstedt that he made his biggest mistake when he tried to break through. We were right in the way and had a ringside seat, as it were, and for a while turned infantry. Winter has set-in in earnest and at present there is about a foot of snow on the ground plus a cold and biting wind, very much like a typical Meriden winter day. Whenever we have a clear day our "air" is really out in force raising hell with Jerries supply lines and armor. Personally I believe that we will have him licked by June or July. His efforts at present, although powerful, are his last in my opinion and he is doing his best to make us pay the heaviest possible price although in his own mind he knows that he is finished. Just now we

of the "51" are pretty proud of ourselves because on January 1 we were awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for "superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks," the first award to any unit in this theatre. The big question in everyone's mind is will we be heading east or west when this deal is wound up. In any event we are winning even if it seems slow at times.

Pete

Corp. John Dickinson,

Hello Mac:

What I have seen of France so far is anything that one would expect. In tents now and chow fairly good, but "C" rations are good and the "K" rations are O.K., too. Sort of quiet here now. Guess we are doing better over here and will continue if our buddies get the stuff to throw at the other guy. I had a good voyage over and not sick at all. She was a fine ship. Uncle Sam does a good job of transporting his nephews. Feeling good now that I've washed my hide for the first time in 25 days. A sponge bath from my helmet but thankful for the hot water.

Johnny

M. M. Dragone,

Hello Otto:

I had S.P. duty Christmas Day so I didn't have much fun. It was very quiet around here until late. My hours were from 11:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. Then I was off to go where I pleased until 11:00 P.M. The one regret I had for being on S.P. duty was that I did not get a feed like the boys at the base. They had turkey and all the fixings and I don't mean maybe. They gave us \$1.20 for two meals while on duty and all you can buy is hamburg and coffee for that. I am now teaching instructors in an Engine Refresher Course. The instructors I teach are those ready to go to sea or change departments or are free for a while and awaiting new assignments.

Mike

Prvt. George Flis,

Hi ya, Frank:

Since the last time I saw you at the factory I have been in England, France, Belgium and am now somewhere in Germany. They were sure hit hard in every country I have been. The place we slept in the first night we arrived in Germany was hit about the worst. The way the Americans hit that place it looked like they would knock over everything that stands in their way. Once they start going they keep on going until they get what they want. When they hit a place they really do a good job of it. Even with the way everything is, Belgium has some pretty country. Some of the places I have been are even nicer than the Mohawk Trail. If it were during peace time you could really enjoy the countryside but the way things are, you just see them and that's all. Those new type bombs you read about in the papers are really something. They have a loud buzzing sound to them. If the sky is clear you can see them well. When you see it, it has a stream of flame coming from the back end of it. England must be catching it because for the last couple of days he keeps sending them over. If he were tied on the back of it, it would be better.

George

P.F.C. S. M. Gallo

Dear Rae:

I've been transferred into the Infantry from the Air Corps. Just what the reason is I don't know but I do know that it is a sight harder than the Air Corps ever thought of being. We've been here two weeks now and it is unbelievable what we've already learned and what they plan to pour into us in the next four weeks. We are taking a 13 weeks course in 6 weeks because we've had a considerable amount of training. After having it pretty easy for two years and being thrown into an outfit of this kind, it is pretty tough on us. After our training, I understand that we are to get a delayed enroute furlough. After that, no one actually knows what is in store for us although we have many ideas and they all point to the same thing.

Mickey

together but we managed to have two weeks honeymoon at the Senator Hotel in Sacramento. We were married at the Base Chapel, at Mather Field in Sacramento. This married life is really wonderful but it's tough being away from my wife.

Bob

Sgt. John A. Luft,

Dear Mr. Parker:

Arriving back in Curacao, after an absence of over three months, I fast became accustomed to our wonderful tropical climate. The first month was the end of the rainy season and it was rather wet. The saying "it never rains in Curacao", was hardly true then as it rained every day. But we are back to normal and it sure is nice when all I hear from Meriden is that it is cold and snowing. I am almost inclined to believe that I would prefer a tropical climate every winter. Since my return I have been transferred to base headquarters and I am now the non-commissioned officer in charge of operations for the Coast Artillery Section.

John

Lt. J. F. Misuk (MC),

Dear Mr. Parker:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Christmas check. I appreciate it very much and also the fact that you haven't forgotten me. I hope the time soon comes when I can return to Meriden and resume my duties with The Charles Parker Company.

J. F. Misuk

Corp. W. W. Morse,

Dear Mr. Stockburger:

We have been very busy since coming to France. The living conditions were pretty rugged when we first arrived but we have built ourselves a fairly comfortable set-up now. We have winterized our tents and although cold weather and snow have come, they have not proved any great hazzard to us. Fuel to burn in the stoves has proved to be the hardest thing to find and to get enough of.

(Continued on page after Picture Section)

MIRACLE LAD

A superman
Is Gilbert Hopps;
He hails a cab . . .
The darned thing stops!

A sailor insisted on buying wine for his girls
so that he could have a little port in every
sweetheart.

What counts the most is what you learn after you
know it all.

Picture Section

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

On page 3 of the picture section of this number you will note a picture of a group of High School Seniors keenly interested in studying a phase of Parker production. They are inspecting the making of sand cores in the Iron Foundry. This occasion was a tour of the Parker Plant to gather material for an essay contest sponsored by the Manufacturers' Association of Meriden and Wallingford. Each visitor was given a copy of the History and Present Activities of The Charles Parker Company and other literature acquainting them with Parker procedures.

"Why I will Stake my Future with American Industry" is the theme on which they are to write their essays for this contest, and there are four prizes. Two provide a \$400 Scholarship for one boy and one girl and two of \$100 cash for one boy and one girl are the second prizes.

The object is to give the generation about to take its place in American Industry an opportunity to study how Free Industry works in a Democracy, and why a higher standard of living prevails in Free Countries. Statistics are cited which show the United States at the head of the countries of abundance, followed by Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Great Britain, Switzerland and Holland, whose governments are all based on Democratic Principals.

PICTURE SECTION

On page 3 of Picture Section are several samples of the work of our Staff Photographer, Pete Santoni, of the Screw Department; a portrait of W. O. Hughart and one of Dempsey and Autry taken during their talk here some time ago. We hope to present many of his pictures in future issues.

CAPT. PETER DEWETTER

The following citation was received by the family of Capt. Peter deWetter, who was recently awarded the Bronze Star.

"For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from August 1 to November 8, in France and Belgium, Capt. deWetter supervised the administrative and personnel sections of subordinate units in an outstanding manner. Through his untiring efforts he established an effective communications system by skillfully organizing and maintaining an efficient message center which insured a prompt and an accurate flow of vital information and messages."

(PICTURE OF FIREMAN)

To introduce Archie Fulton who has taken over the duties of Hickey Collins of the Parker Engineering Staff. Hickey is now with the General Electric Engineering Department at Schenectady.

We quote from "Cunotes", Plant Magazine of the Cuno Engineering Company. "With sixteen years of fine service at Cuno's behind him, Archie has left us to take a position with the Charles Parker Company. Coming to work here during the early stages of our present filter development, he assisted in its design throughout his activities here, and had the complexities of pattern design and control under his jurisdiction."

In the picture section you will see him in the garb of a Fireman of the Fire Department at Westfield, where he has his home.

Archie had previously been employed by the Charles Parker Co. and prior to that by the Bradley & Hubbard Co.

We have had but little coal, having as a rule to go out into the woods and cut firewood. This has proved adequate so far but am wondering now if we won't cut the woods clean before the winter is over. Passes were cancelled for a month recently but prior to that I was fortunate in being able to get into Paris twice. It is really a very beautiful city. The war has not touched the city at all, and when there, one would scarcely know the war is being fought just the other side of France. The people in Paris are all very fashionably dressed. London can in no way compare to Paris but, of course, London was bombed very badly, and Paris not touched by bombs.

Bill

P.F.C. James Needham,

I assure you that I appreciated the check and letter very much. It is nice to know that you have not forgotten us boys even in this remote part of the world. Well, anyway I am getting to see places now I never knew existed before and you bet it is no pleasure trip around here but let's hope it won't be long now.

J. Needham

J. R. Nessing, S-2/c

Hello Stanley:

I received the first "Salute" since I've been in the service. It helps to bring back memories when joining the service was just a dream and leaving home was never thought of. It makes a fellow feel as if he were still at home and different amusing incidents were still part of the daily routine. The time has come when war is no longer considered a picture but something serious and very dangerous. At the present I am attached to an auxiliary repair ship detail, but due to the fact that the shipyard cannot build our ship for its scheduled commissioning date, our detail is being disbanded and the crew is being reassigned to other ships. Tell everyone that I was asking for them and I do hope to see all of you before we start sailing.

Johnny

Sgt. Earle S. Prescher

We have been awfully busy here at the squadron lately. In fact the boys are coming back so rapidly they have taken over another hotel and opened a new squadron. Was glad to hear that you had such a nice time at your Christmas party. I know that I always enjoyed them when I was with The Charles Parker Company and look forward to enjoying many more of them with the fellows after the war. The weather has been perfect - cold but no snow or ice like you have up there to contend with. The wind blows every day and you need an overcoat, but no paths to shovel. All of my snow shoveling so far has been with a broom.

Earle

Theodore J. Rogoz,

Dear Sir:

Received your Christmas present for which I thank you very much. I'll invest it in war bonds where it will do the most good. As you will see I have a change in my address. I am doing very well out here. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

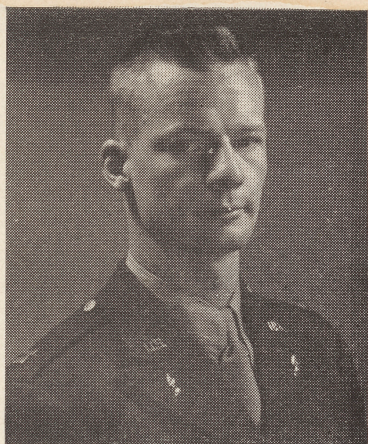
Ted

Sgt. Charles Scollan,

Dear Sirs:

Here it is almost seven months now that I've been in India. I don't know how the time has passed so swiftly for there is little in the way of entertainment out this way. We are very distant from any of the large cities of India. We have our little towns and villages about but that's not saying much. There's no such thing as any night life around here. We do chance to partake of a simple meal in one of the Chinese restaurants now and then.

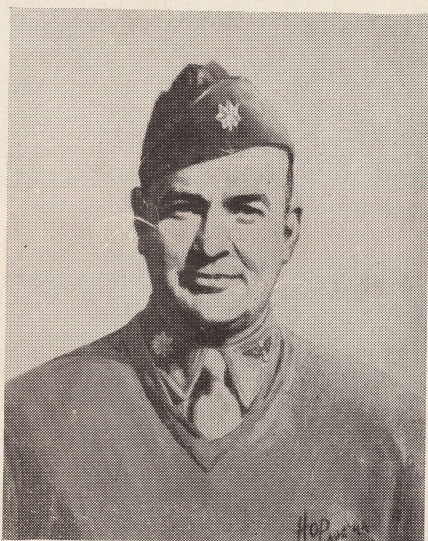
Well, anyhow, things are a good deal more pleasant here now. We just saw the end of the monsoons a couple of weeks back. Now it rains none at all except for a very heavy dew every morning. You would be surprised if you could feel the difference between night and day over here lately. The sun really becomes very warm during the day



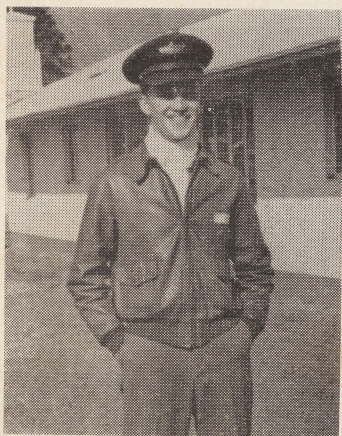
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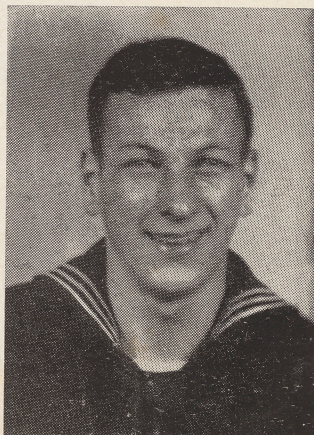
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LT. COL. PARKER B. ALLEN



LT. WILLIAM ALDRICH



S-I/c DONALD FOWLER



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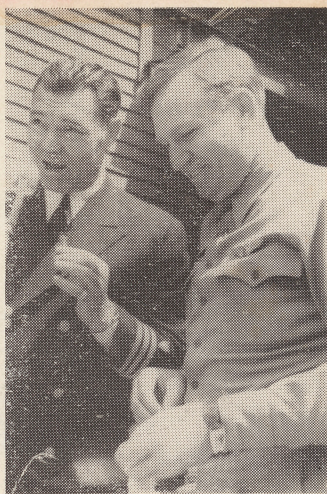
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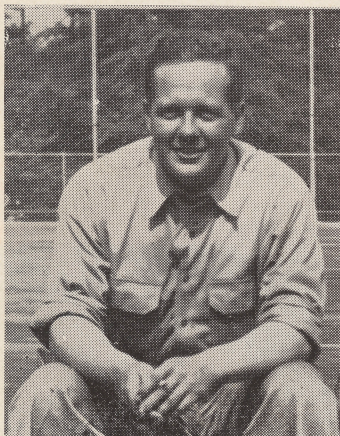
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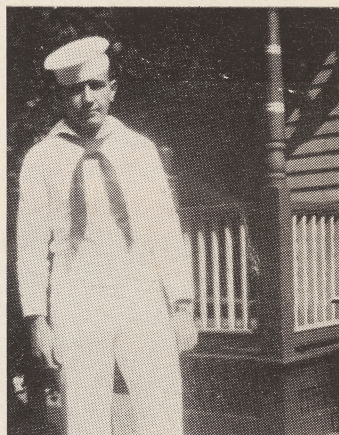
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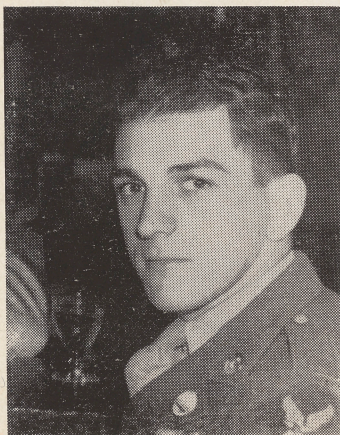
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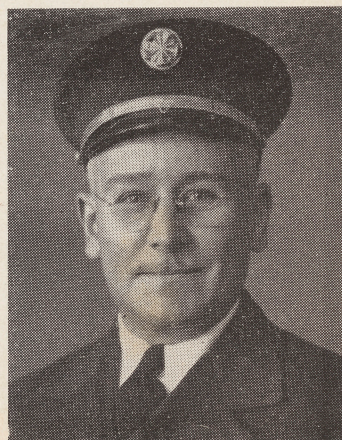
LT. ROBERT ALLEN



Y-1/c THEODORE S. ZAGORSKI



PRVT. ROBERT KRUPA



ARCHIE FULTON

and many nights I shiver under two blankets. Our surroundings would knock your eye out. In the distance mountains rear up all over the place. The past few weeks most of their peaks have become covered with snow. I can't describe how grand they appear in the evening when the sun strikes them just right.

Charles Scollan

Prvt. Carl R. Spears,

Hello fellows:

I hope that you all have a Merry Xmas and many more Happy New Years. It is pretty rough here at present, but by the time you receive this we may be in Berlin. In closing, I say all I want for Xmas is my health and strength.

Carl

Lt. Edwin A. Toth,

Dear Walt:

Naturally you are wondering what we are doing now. Well, it's the same old job of hauling supplies, men, equipment and wounded to and from the front. Now that we have landed in the Philippines there is plenty of work to do and plenty of action to see. We are not stationed there but are located on a large island in the East Indies, made of coral and mountains and in one respect it is quite pretty. Matter of fact all the land is a scenic paradise. Flights are long and are from 10-14 hours duration, most of it over water. Everything has to be perfect because a slip-up means the end and that comes sooner or later for a lot of us. We have been lucky up to now but even then the bad streak hits us as the Japs are not out of this war as yet and can do plenty of damage. Getting back to flying, our Squadron is rather proud of the fact that our group has the oldest ship in combat. It has had over 2500 hours without an accident, or overhaul and just keeps on flying. It knows all the routes by heart and is the first ship into any new place. We have lost track of the amount of cargo it has carried but it is well over 5,000 tons. We are proud of the old girl and hope she lasts indefinitely. Our hours over here are piling up and

for the month of November we flew close to 4,000 hours which is an average of 13 hours plus, per plane per day. I wonder how many people are working 13 hours per day back home without a grumble. After three years of war we are getting closer and closer to the end and all of us over here are hoping that '45 brings us to the end because we cannot and will not go home until it is over. We have been here over 16 months and have been in on every campaign from Buna on up. A long ways but you can't beat the American spirit and resourcefulness.

Edwin

Prvt. Benjamin Zlotowski,

I suppose you know by now that I'm in the heavy weapons company in the machine gun squad. I've been on the front lines already. It's not too bad and it's not too good. In other words it's not much fun. Plenty of snow and ice on the trails of these mountains and it is plenty cold at times.

Ben.

THINKING, AT CHRISTMAS

The tie that binds is stronger now.
Each passing Christmas brings a newer vow
Of "Peace on earth, goodwill to men" -
And angels watch - till you come home again.

* * * * *

A greater gift for you is yet in store
Than those you've found beneath the tree before -
The gift of peace - from those who lie on foreign
soil,
A challenge, grim, to us who stay behind to toil!

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The things for which you fight beyond compare
Are worthy of the fight - the faith to dare.
We'll toil a little harder until the victory is
won -

There'll be a Merry Christmas when you get home,
my son!

A. R. Girling
Factory Finish

The Pacific Theatre

(The following letter which arrived after going to press interested us so greatly that we felt compelled to make room for it in this issue.)

U.S.S. SAN DIEGO

Care Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sirs:

February 21, 1945.

I know you will be interested in a brief account of some of the SAN DIEGO'S experiences in the last few months. Our ship has been in the "thick of things" for so long that one hardly knows where to begin to tell of our engagements. For example, just look at these "firsts" to our credit; we were a part of the first Task Force to strike each of the following places: Rabaul (November, 1943); Gilbert Islands (November, 1943); Marshall Islands (December, 1943); Truk (February, 1944); Philippines (September, 1944); Formosa (October, 1944); Okinawa and Ryukyus Islands (October, 1944); and the China Coast (January, 1945).

These are, by no means, all of our engagements but just those where we were a part of the first attacking force. In the past six months we have seen a great deal of the enemy. No doubt you have read of the First Battle of the Philippine Sea (June 19, 1944). We were in the midst of that battle. Off the coast of Saipan, along with other ships of our Force, we encountered heavy attacks from Jap carrier planes. The skies were black with aerial dogfights all around us. The American pilots did a great job. From the deck of our ship nine enemy planes were seen at one time falling in flames. That will give you some idea of the intensity of the battle. Our ship was credited with one "probable" during the day when a low flying plane on which we had opened fire was seen falling as it reached the horizon. During September we engaged in strikes against Peleliu and Angaur in the Caroline Islands and against Mindanao, Manila, Samar and Leyte in the Philippines. September 21st was the day our planes made their attack on Manila. In our ship we were all listening to a radio broadcast in English (phonograph records, etc.) from Manila when suddenly the announcer began to say in an excited voice: "Manila is under air attack!"

All civilians take cover!" It was our first announcement that our planes had found their targets; we surely got a big kick out of the way that announcer changed his tune! On our way south our ship took part in attacks against the Central Philippines.

October was a very busy month indeed. During this time we assisted in strikes against Okinawa, Formosa and Leyte. October 12, 13 and 14 were days to be remembered! On the 12th day we closed in for an air attack on the island of Formosa. All that day enemy planes were spotted but they kept well out of gun range. However, at about 7 o'clock in the evening a large number of them made a real run on us. Along with several other ships we opened fire on them. Almost immediately, three Jap planes crashed into the ocean. A few minutes later another came rushing straight for our ship and although we did not bring him down he was forced to turn back. In all the confusion of firing it is hard to say just which ships brought down which Jap plane but the SAN DIEGO definitely "splashed" one Betty. We assisted in several more.

That night we provided a colorful spectacle because the Jap planes dropped flares around us which lit us up like broad daylight. We could have read a newspaper on the main deck at midnight. Strangely enough, the Japs did not follow up this illumination with an attack. We did see plenty of them for the next two days, however, but we took care of them before they could do any serious damage. During these three days (October 12, 13 and 14) carriers sent their planes in repeated sweeps against Formosa.

About the time of these raids on Formosa we heard a lot of ridiculous broadcasts from our "friend"! "Tokyo Rose." She reported so many American ships sunk that it became a huge joke with us. We wondered if you folks back home were enjoying her fantastic remarks as much as we were here. We listen to her out here because she does broadcast some good phonograph records, but believe me, when she starts talking she surely "murders" the truth!

The remainder of October and most of November were spent in several strikes against Manila, Luzon and Leyte keeping Jap planes "salted down". We not only covered for the carriers as they

launched raids over Jap-held areas of the Philippines but along with other ships our job was to prevent re-enforcement of enemy garrisons by Jap transports and supply ships.

The biggest thing I have to report in December was the typhoon, about which you have already heard something. This terrific storm occurred on December 17 and 18 while we were operating off the Luzon coast. The weather began to thicken and grow progressively worse on the 17th and we received word that a typhoon was heading our way. It was coming so fast that we could not escape it. The next day it struck in all its fury. The seas reached mountainous heights with accompanying high winds and heavy rain squalls. Our ship was rolling heavily and at one time we took a terrific lurch as if King Neptune were really cracking his whip, and we were it! We could do nothing but hold on and ride out the storm. About three o'clock in the afternoon the storm began to moderate and by evening the ship was riding much easier. We had seen the sea at its worst and you can be sure that it was an experience we do not care to repeat.

January found us again striking Formosa and Luzon but the most interesting event of the month was our voyage into the China Sea. We launched air raids on the coast of French Indo-China, Hong-kong, and Swatow. During this operation we were deep in enemy territory but we must have caught the Japs completely by surprise for there were no attacks upon us. On our way back we struck again at Okinawa and Formosa. Here the Japs did show themselves with an aerial attack but were shot down in great numbers.

Well, this is about all that I can tell you just now. You can see that we have not been idle out here. Still, I do not want to give the impression that all we do is stay in battle day after day. There are "recesses" when we are in port and can relax a bit with fishing, trips to the beach, baseball games, etc. Some of the ports we have made recently are Majuro, Eniwetok and Saipan. So the next time you start worrying about me just remember that I may be in one of those ports, or some other one, with a fishing line over the side!

Yours truly,

Thomas A. Maltese, S-1/c.

Why take Chances

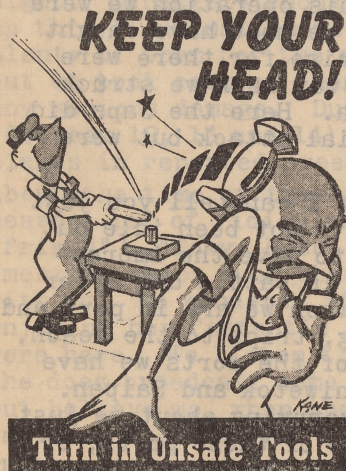
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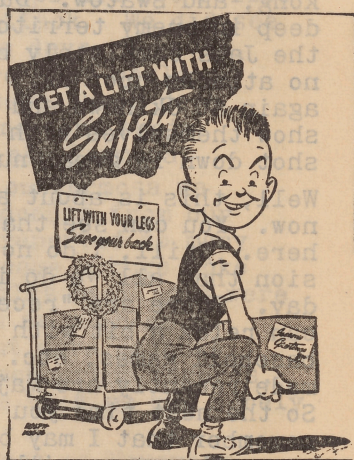
All injuries, no matter how slight, must be reported to First Aid Room **AT ONCE**.



Oil or paper on the floor are dangerous. Cleaning up is **PART OF YOUR JOB**.



Imperfect hand tools are dangerous. Turn them in to Tool Crib for **REPLACEMENT**.



Save your back, size up your load — if too heavy or bulky alone, **GET HELP**.

Department Notes

THE NEWS GATHERERS

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Rose Giovo	Lefty Saleski
Lucy Jacobson	Ed Shemkovitz
Ed Kyrz	Ed Special
Joe Lietz	Michael Spellacy
Fred Olsen	Emma Tanner
Eleanor Marcinak	Reinhold Teske
Ed McCarthy	Bill Trotta
Ed Myers	Felix Zychowski

and Lefty, the Roving Reporter

WISE SHOP CHATTER

Had a letter from Johnny Wilczewski and he wanted to know how the poker games were going these days. They're going just as strong as ever. They wear out deck after deck of cards. Joe Keller still has that bag of money he carries around and he still takes time out to dig down for more dough. Clem makes all the money as usual. Somebody new comes into the game and puts a curse on the next guy to him.

Mike Kissane has left us.

Walt King was out sick for a couple of weeks but is right back on the ball again now.

Had a letter from Vito Paluconis and he was asking about the boys.

John Wilczewski and Ralph Myers have been in France, Holland, Belgium and they are now in Germany.

Dick Maskell is turning to Super man. He works on the base job, broach, Milwaukee. No job too big, eh Dick?

We are getting a lot of export work in the shipping room. Walt Leishman would like that. The last we heard from Walt he was in India.

Guido Ceccardi was voted to be on the labor management committee.

Sam Fantozzi still swings a mean vise.

John Dapp went down for his Merchant Marine physical and passed.

The Vise Shop Benefit Association is planning to hold a banquet in honor of Albert Bolinder, who is leaving us after 45 years of service. It will seem strange not to see him around any more after all these years of faithful service. We will miss his usual greeting, "Good day for hay."

I saw the Cincinnati miller giving Eric Lawson a run for his money the other day.

Dave Moreau fell on the ice and hurt himself.

What makes Sam Fantozzi's hands so white on Monday mornings? It wouldn't be doing little Johnny's diapers, would it?

Wonder what happened to Stanley Renekar that he showed up for work with only one rubber on one morning.

Meryl Greiner, our former factory clerk, has joined the Waves and is now stationed in California.

BRASS DEPARTMENT

Hello, once again, to all you men in the Armed Forces. We are trying to give you all the news as we see it and hope you enjoy reading the same.

Today it's not who you are, but how many packages of cigarettes have you got? There is not only a shortage of these dope sticks but even a shortage of the shortage. That old saying of "I'd walk a mile for a Camel", now is a reality. Today most anyone will walk six miles for any brand of cigarettes. "It is much better to give than to receive," but have you tried to borrow a cigarette lately?

The following employees have been transferred to other departments: Alice Brown-factory office, Agnes Pezystawski-Screw Department, Beatrice Matcheski-Screw Department, Eleanor Peczynski-Screw Department, Tony Greeley-Foundry on Hill, and Carl Lundstrom-Screw Department.

"Sure Shot" Schulz and Maurice Dwyer tried their best to beat Lefty Saleski and Eddie Kyrzcz at a game of pool, but found out that it just could not be done. Results-1st game-Saleski and Kyrzcz 25, Schulz and Dwyer 6, 2nd game-Saleski and Kyrzcz 25, Schulz and Dwyer 10.

We were wondering why Helen Gurtowski was all smiles for a good number of days. The reason - her brother being home on leave from the U.S. Navy. Helen gave us all an introduction and it's nice knowing him.

News while it is news. Hot off the wires of the Parker Salute. Russell (Russo) Cerrone is a proud papa again, and - you guessed it - It's a boy. Good luck to you, Russ, and the family.

Did you write to your friends in the Armed Forces lately? Don't put it off any longer. Write one tonight, for one little letter from home is a great morale booster.

Recent visitors to our Department from the Armed Forces were: Milton Rosenberg, U.S.N.; Sgt. Oscar Piette, U.S. Army; Paul Fenelon, Merchant Marines; Ted Rogers, U.S.N., and Harry Quinn, U.S.N.

Otto Kandetzki is out on sick leave and we all wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back soon.

The factory parking lot is run after working hours by Lefty Saleski. If at any time you are out shopping, Lefty says, don't waste your gas, oil and tires, drive in to the parking lot. The fee is only twenty cents, C.O.L. (Cash on Line).

Josephine Mises is out on sick leave and is missed by everyone. We all hope to see her pleasant smile around here again.

Any day during lunch hour you can find the 400 club in session - John Bloxam, Albert Mansolf, George Klotz and Sebastian DeMauro. Everything seems to be in order.

Terry Kiernan agrees with us that snow shoveling is a back breaking job. Anyway, it was a job that had to be done - and he dood it.

On February 8 all the boys found more snow in the parking lot than they had anticipated. Many of them decided to leave their cars parked for two or three days. That was more snow than they want to see again for twenty years.

We don't hear much bragging in the polishing room about hunting or fishing these days. It's getting so that it's even hard to make up a good story. We can't wait for the fishing season to start so that Emil, Danny and Hotch can go out on the factory bridge and show us the big fish they almost caught.

We have our own Big Three here. Maurice Dwyer, Jack Schulz and John Lorbie. John Lorbie is the smallest of the bunch but he seems to be the go-between. Schulz and Dwyer are all around bowlers (all around the alleys). J. Lorbie is a finished bowler (finished a few years ago).

The dip room is getting a complete overhauling. A new acid resisting floor has been put down and numerous other facilities have been installed.

Due to the shortage of skilled card players the usual five cent set-back game has been discontinued for the duration. Some days you couldn't even make a nickel. Anyway, it gives you more time to digest your lunch.

Smiling Jack Weaver is still with us and on the job every day. Once in a while Jack likes to work up an appetite and gives the boys a hand shoveling sand from cars.

The Brass Kitty Club held a Christmas party on December 15, 1944 at the Star Restaurant. A delicious chicken dinner was served and refreshments were available throughout the entire evening. Harry Tomlin, a well known New Haven magician, was up to his tricks again and gave a fine performance, that held the crowd spellbound. Even Frank Malone was baffled. Victor Olson was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening, but it looked like J.L. was Master for a short period of time. Dorothy Day demonstrated her skill at the piano and rendered us with some popular jibe and boogie-woogie music. Lefty Saleski also sat down at the piano but did not stay long, as the cheers were coming from all directions and were hitting him in the back of the neck. A grab bag was a feature of the evening, with everything to be had - but cigarettes. The party was regarded as a great success and everyone is looking forward to the next one which can't be too soon.

IRON FOUNDRY

AT "BOWING CARNIVAL" FOR "POLIO" FUNDS

Capt. Chas. Brooks led his Parker's Old Bucks to a 2-1 victory over General Electric Old Bucks. Charles Heldt, Frank Landis and Charles Brooks bought a bottle to celebrate the victory.--A bottle of Sloane's Liniment.

Mike Spellacy left Parker's core room. Charles Heldt is now the Big Shot.

Al. Manzak lost his prize heifer. Lots of Hamburgers went to hell. Get the point? We do mean Red!!!

Benny Gryzbek is a perfect type to portray "Lamont Cranston" - "The Shadow".

Conveyor system will soon be in the foundry. It is rapidly taking shape.

Ignacy Kapucynski quit molding and now works in the pattern room.

Bill Trotta had a run of hard luck. Hope You're up and around soon.

Spike Schaedler finally admits Andy Musto is a better bowler. Leave the bottle alone for better score.

Cafeteria service is so slow instead of apologizing they will furnish magazines and newspapers for patrons in waiting.

That new red head is causing heavy traffic through the core room. They all pause to see how the core is pasted together. What's her name?

Barney Fabrizio lost eighty bucks. Lady Luck thumbed her nose at him.

Max Slapion's wife watches him and his dog watches his wife.

Charles Schaeffer lost his pay in the foundry. He had a thirsty week-end. The finder can keep his conscience too.

Some "Cuckoo" sabotaged the time clock, thinking it was the cuckoo clock.

Did you know that there are many talented persons in the Foundry Dept.

Richard Mallory	-	Plays	-	Guitar
John Messina	-	"	-	Accordion
Tony Musto	-	"	-	Harmonica
Dick Andrews	-	"	-	Newly-Wed
Tito Gregorio	-	"	-	Overworked

Albert Owens lost his brother in this war. We are all very sorry, Al.

Irish Ennis has three daughters. Two more girls and he can tie with Eddie Cantor.

Sam Christodolous and Tony Pasquale are strangely silent lately. What's cooking? Spaghetti?

CORE ROOM

There are a few new faces which now appear in the Core Room - Robert Rogers, Wilfred Bowen and Rose Kokoszka. Rose has two boys in the Service - Walter and Eddie.

Two young Jamaican boys are working with us - Jackez Lewis and Wilbert Scale. They say it's the first time they ever saw snow. They haven't seen anything yet.

Our core maker, George Schaedler, can no longer call home his own. He has to sneak in and out and peak at his children, since the sign reads "Scarlet Fever".

Wilfred Bowen is leaving for the Navy the 28th of February. Lots of luck, Willie.

Michael Spellacy is now working at a brass foundry in New Britain. The gang wishes him luck.

William Spellacy had quite a surprise the other day. He was doing his shopping in "Growers" when he spied a line at the cigarette counter. After waiting a half hour he finally arrived at the cashier's. What a surprise when they threw a box of book matches at him. He turned red and made one bee-line for the door.

George Silipo still has his mouth going a mile a minute. Everyone to him is his best friend.

We believe that Potch will be fishing in comfort this year. He recently bought an out-board motor. I hope he remembers to take the oars along because it would be terrible if the motor stalled and he had to use his hands for paddles.

Everything in the core room is running along smoothly under the management of Charles Heldt. Best of luck to you, Charlie.

Roy Rogers' boy "Robert" went up for examination the other day. Here's hoping you stay with us a while, Bob.

Carl Preston recently had a birthday party. It must have been quite some party. Carl hasn't showed up since.

William Spellacy had a birthday February 11 and Andy Musto's was the 7th. They both want to thank Dasher Landis for his wonderful present.

HIGH STREET FOUNDRY

We have had quite a few men out due to sickness but that hasn't stopped our production for you boys on the battlefront.

Mickey gave us quite a scare a few weeks, when he injured his hand. He is back on the job again, after spending a few days in the hospital.

They say everything comes in "three's" - to make our total of three in the hospital complete, George LaCroix and Frank Skotnicki also were injured and had to spend some time there.

We are glad to see Michael Kravitz back on the job. We hope it won't be too long before Frank and George are able to return to work again.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Jacob Kopala, who died January 28, 1945. Jake had worked for this foundry almost 20 years.

MACHINE AND JAPAN

Walt Buksa paid us a visit. He has spent six months in the Pacific area. He sure looks fine.

Bill Edgar also was home for a few days and he stopped in to see the gang.

Can't blame employees for being late to work this winter, with the conditions of the roads and all the snow we've had. Something to tell the next generation about.

Matthew Dziodzio (Weasel) tied the knot since the last edition of the Salute. Wonder if the little woman will be able to tame him. Best of luck, Weasel, and many long and happy years together.

We are having a few of our engine lathes resurfaced and repaired. Will be good as new when completed.

Screw Department heading room is in full operation at last so all the racket and noise intimates.

Charlie Schott is out on a leave of absence. Hope everything on his chicken farm is fine. We all miss him.

Ted Kugge and Ed Swanson are waiting for the salt water fishing to start. Going to bring us some blackfish, boys?

Ed Shem is waiting to get his boat back.

Peter Klotz has married off another one of his daughters. He had a swell time at the wedding. How many more to go, Pete?

BRASS FOUNDRY

Jim DeMaria had a tough time this winter with the snow. Jim has quite a driveway to shovel before he reaches the main highway. The last storm it took Jim three days to clear the road so he could come to work. When Jim arrived he was saying how good he felt after being out in the air for three days. A short while after, Jim shouted it got me, I can hardly pick up the shovel.

George Duplessis was out for a short spell. George made a wager his head was tougher than iron. George collected both ways as the Iron poker broke and he had a pretty sore head.

Mr. Budnick made a trip to Beaver Lake after the last storm. He said he had a hard time as the snow was three feet deep.

Charles Gade had a bad fall last month. Charlie broke his leg in four places. He is now at the Meriden Hospital and getting along well. We all hope Charlie will be back soon.

Mr. Budnick did a little measuring this week. Frank Zaborowski is trying to collect a dollar from him and Gumba.

SCREW DEPARTMENT

So Vivian gave her boy friend the sack! Yes, but she kept the presents that came in it.

Gene goes to New York every two weeks. Love--the delusion that one woman differs from another. Do you realize what happens to nine out of every ten men that fall in love? They get married.

Poor Joe, he still has trouble with his hands. He hasn't gotten over the effects of the poison ivy he had last summer.

The only time Julius Meyer can get meat is on Saturday. You'd think that the stores weren't open any other day.

Did Florio find that apartment yet? The last one he looked at, the landlord asked him if he had a wife.

Does anybody know Augie's Louise?

Now that little Oscar got rid of his pain in the neck, he can look at the girls without blushing.

Did Gene find out who sent him all of those valentines on Valentine day? Girls, you better watch out for Terry.

If anybody needs an extra golf ball, ask Henry Kelly.

TOOL ROOM

Hello, Boys. Since the last issue of the "Salute", we have had a few interesting happenings.

Well, boys, we have finally moved down to the Hanover Street plant. Our equipment was also transferred and now is along with the other in the tool room. The Die room, which consists of Alfred Albano, is in one section of the room, together with Bill Bruenn. The place up on the Hill is sold to another concern. Our old timer, James McCall, we all believe, has retired.

We have received a few letters from Dudek, saying he would like to thank the company for the check. Duke is stationed somewhere in France. We also received a few letters from Walter Bogucki, also thanking the company for the money. Walt is out at sea. We sure would like to see these boys all back with us real soon.

One noon a fellow remarked to his fellow worker, "I still didn't mail my Valentine to my girls and there's only one day left. I have already sealed it with a three cent stamp." The other fellow asked him where it was going. When he heard that it was going to be sent right here in the city, he replied, "Well, send it Air Mail and she sure will get it in time."

The boys now won't have to worry about Dan from the Screw Dept. chiseling ice. This new place has ice water or city water going through the cooler system.

Leo Trudeau is all through smoking those good cigars, etc. He also won't have to worry about the boilers any more since he is working down here.

Al Stiegler is promoted from the dump truck to the panel truck. Al says no more pig iron or sand.

The Tool Room is really taking on proportions now that the Machine Shop from the Hill has been added. With it came Rocco Albano, their boss, Alfred Albano, William Bruenn, Albert Schaefer and Santi Ercolani. We all hope they will feel at home in their new surroundings. WELCOME!

On January 27, Francis Germain, our Assistant Foreman, was joined in marriage to a most beautiful girl at St. Stanislaus Church. After the ceremony there was a grand Reception in the Knights' Hall. We all wish them both a long and happy life together.

Gilbert Hunter is another new addition to the crew in the Tool Room. We welcome him and hope he will be with us for a long time.

Norman Demauche is back at work after an illness of five weeks.

Phil Hynes, Jr. left the Tool Room January 1 to become Boss in Dept. 16, Light and Power. We wish him all the luck in the world in his new position.

The Crib Department also serves as the Information Please, such subjects as the names of male and female swan. Send along your questions.

We have an artist among the tool makers, Eddie Olson. Wood carving is his avocation. He has had exhibits of his work on display at Sweden House, New York. He has also presented one of his carvings in the name of his daughter to the President of the U.S.A. and received a letter of appreciation from the President with his signature.

FIXTURE DEPARTMENT

By permission of the O.P.A. several fixture contracts are being executed. Reinhold Teske appears several times weekly to take care of repair work and plan the execution of the contracts we are allowed to fabricate.

GRILLE AND RAIL DEPARTMENT

The main activities here are the welding assembly for Searchlight Drums, used by the Navy, Deck Spools for the Maritime Commission and erection of the new Iron Foundry equipment.

Billy Engfer made an attempt to burn up the Iron Foundry. He was welding some of the equipment when a spark crept into some crevice that ignited the roof calling for the fire department, but so far as we can learn no great harm resulted. Bill Herman and Harold Gurky are also working on this job.

The Airport Management are said to be after Harold's Farm but Harold contemplates getting another one if they take it away from him.

Phil Zychowski's welding technique, which is generally considered tops, has improved since he has his new denture.

Otto's son underwent a mastoid operation.

Anton is spending part of his time working on lighting fixtures these days.

The former bronze room of the Architectural Department will temporarily serve for fixture production during the period in which the location on the third floor is used for War Production.

It is reported that Kayser, confirmed bachelor, is to be married. Hereafter he will probably take his wife along on his hunting expeditions.

Michael Dragone, Sr. died recently after an operation.

MAIN OFFICE

Mrs. Jean Femia has left her position in the Bookkeeping Dept. to live with her husband, who is stationed in Philadelphia.

We welcome two newcomers to the office force. Mildred Sieg, who replaces Eleanor Leishman, and Dorothy Tinkham in the Bookkeeping Dept.

Mr. Stringer now occupies his new private office directly behind the Billing Dept. Doris Fitzgerald was transferred from the Sales Dept. to take over the secretarial duties for Mr. Stringer.

Seaman 3/c Donald Fowler visited the office during a short leave. Donald is engaged. He may know when he's getting married, but he just won't tell us a word. Congratulations, Don, and lots of luck.

Master Sgt. John Nedza visited the office re-

cently. John has been in the army four years now. He can be proud of his achievements and services during that time. We hope to see you again very soon, John.

It seems Eleanor Westermeyer had a little trouble with her electric calculator. As she plugged the wire into the socket sparks began flying in every direction. After pulling out the plug she found her machine burned out with a hole, no less, burned through the metal back. You shouldn't give the machine such tough problems, Eleanor. Pipe smoking in the office hit a new high when Mr. Woollen came walking in puffing on his. Cigarettes were always his speed. How was it, Rube?

FACTORY OFFICE CHATTER

The old saying "What's Cooking" strikes a very displeasing note in the Factory Office these days. It seems that several of our beautiful but somewhat expanding females are watching their calories very carefully. One often hears discussions on what they didn't have for dinner or how they lost 3-1/2 ounces last week. Well, girls, you couldn't have picked a better time to do it than these days of rationing.

Bowling also occupies the Spotlight this season with "One Ball Sievert", "Dead Wood Call" and "Get the Wood Curtis" toppling the pins in real good fashion.

Mr. Walker now has his office here on the third floor.

The snow storm we had on February 8 was so bad that most of us came in late. In fact, Mr. Fennessy, who lives in Marion, was unable to get out until he helped shovel himself out.

The girls' room on the third floor is quite attractive but we could easily make use of a studio couch.

Hick Collins has left our drafting department to take a position with the General Electric in Schenectady. Mr. Archie Fulton, formerly connected with the Cuno Engineering, Inc., has taken Hick's place.

Alice Brown from the Brass Department shipping room is Carl Sievert's assistant in the Production Control Department.

PERSONNEL OFFICE

The month of February has brought many changes to the Charles Parker Company. Mr. W. K. Swift, and Mr. Raymond Rogers spent a very cold, eventful day on the pier in New York City on February 20 when they welcomed 15 young men from Jamaica to the foundries as prospective employees. Most of these boys from Jamaica are from rural sections and are drooling with stories of bananas and other delicacies that we are unable to obtain here. They can even get cigarettes!

Department 27 is very small but in spite of its small number enough has been contributed from outside sources to complete the amount needed to purchase Miss Jean Mierzejewski a pair of roller skates. It is quite unfortunate that a good pair of ball bearing skates are unobtainable now, but perhaps the present victory skates will help her to fall in a more conspicuous spot (in the yard) in the future.



LEFTY—ROVING REPORTER

ROVING REPORTER

Three High School girls who made good are: Alice Brown now in the Factory Office, Michaline Draus in the Main Office and Jean Mierzyewski working in the Personnel Department. Best of luck to you, girls. (It pays to go to school after all.)

After having Wesley Swift play the piano at their last Foremen's Christmas party, all the boys agree that he sure knows his business. We don't

know where he learned to play but at any rate we think it's grand.

When it comes to eating clams on the half shell, we find it hard to compete with Jack Schulz. Eddie Shemkowitz is now in second place.

Frank (Ladies' Man) Malone was out sick for a few days and all the girls missed him. Even the boys did.

Much credit must be given to Margaret Maynard at the Cafeteria. She still serves hot dinners and for sixty cents you won't go hungry.

Margaret has two helpers at times - two girls trying to pick up a few pointers about cooking. What's cookin', girls?

Reggie Call has been keeping the balls out of the gutters lately in the recent bowling matches. Could it be a pep talk from his team mates or is he really getting serious. Reggie has been hitting the pins now and then - mostly then. (P.S.—He throws a nice first ball.)

Scotty, one of our painters, is now operating the freight elevator. He tells us what goes up must come down.

Does your cigarette taste different lately? What cigarette?

Leon Grabowski and Gilbert had everything figured out during the last snowstorm. They did not have to wade through it - but waded until it was all over. (We knew you would get the drift after a while. It's snow use, we can't kid you fellows.)

Any day during lunch hour you can find Freddie Dossin and Ed Kyrzcz practicing up on their pool at the Foremen's Club Room. Fred Dossin, please note - Joe White and Lefty Saleski will play any two in the house.

Bus driver to woman boarding bus with boy: How about a fare for your boy? Woman - Why, he's only four years old. Bus driver: Well, when he's five, he will be an awful giant or a liar.

Frank O'Brien is still receiving the goods - and always has a pleasant smile for everyone, including the truck drivers.

We are still waiting to hear from Herb Brecklin. How about it, Herb? Drop us a few lines. The boys would sure like it.

